



Mid Week Lenten Service—March 6, 2024

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind,
and spirit of all.*

SERVING TODAY

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Guided to Peace

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. Colossians 1:19-20

Opening Hymn

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

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| 1 | Jesus, I will ponder now On your holy passion; With your Spirit me endow For such meditation. Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish Of your suff'ring, pain and death That I may not perish. | 3 | If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me, Let your cross my fear disarm; Peace of conscience give me. Help me see forgiveness won By your holy passion. If for me he slays his son, God must have compassion! |
| 2 | Grant that I your passion view With repentant grieving. Let me not bring shame to you By unholy living. How could I refuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure. | 4 | Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses, Learning humbleness from you, Peace mid pain and losses. May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Savior, That I may in heav'n above Sing your praise forever. |

Invocation and Call to Worship

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P We live a world where peace can be hard to find. We are surrounded by strife and quarrels. We are often filled with worry and fear. Jesus tells us, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14:27).

C **Jesus our Savior, when we are troubled and worried by the strife around us, grant us your peace.**

P The world's peace depends on the absence of war and strife and trouble. The peace that Jesus brings to us is not like the world's peace. The peace of Jesus depends only on Jesus. The world's peace can be lost, but the peace that Jesus brings to us is ours forever.

C **Jesus our Savior, even in times of trouble or fear, grant us your peace.**

P By God's grace, through faith in Jesus, we have peace even in the midst of trouble. Through faith in Jesus, we have peace with God through the forgiveness of our sins. It is peace that Jesus won for us through his death on the cross and his triumphant resurrection. It is peace that we can share with others as we tell them of Jesus' love.

C **Jesus our Savior, grant us your peace.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

C **Almighty God, you have called us to peace, but so often we choose strife and anger. We do not seek to follow your will and walk in love. Instead, we listen to the temptations of the world around us, and we are often the cause of strife. We live according to our own selfish desires. Have mercy on us, and forgive us. Lead us each day to follow our Savior.**

P God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to suffer and die for our sins to bring us peace with God and with one another. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C **Almighty God, set the cross of Jesus before us to guide us in the way of peace.**

Prayer of the Day

Jesus, Lord and Savior, through the blood of your cross, you have brought us forgiveness for our sins and peace with God. When the circumstances of life and the dangers and concerns of the world around us threaten the peace that we have, help us to remember your promise, that you will be with us always, to the end of the age (see Matthew 28:20). Make us bold witnesses for you so that, in the power of the Holy Spirit, others will come to know the peace that you alone can bring. Set your cross before us to guide us in the way of peace. Amen.

Old Testament Reading ... Isaiah 53:4-5

Epistle Reading ... Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel Reading ... Luke 23:44-46

Sermon

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living, Christ,
the death of death, our foe, Who, thyself
for me once giving To the darkest depths of
woe: Through thy suff'rings, death, and
merit I eternal life inherit. Thousand,
thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus,
unto thee.
- 2 Thou hast borne the smiting only That my
wounds might all be whole; Thou hast
suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my
weary soul; Yea, the curse of God
enduring, Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.
- 3 Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For
thy sorrows deep and sore, For thine
anguish in the Garden, I will thank thee
evermore, Thank thee for thy groaning,
sighing, For thy bleeding and thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry, And shall
praise thee, Lord, on high.

Apostles' Creed

- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's Only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

- P Lord Jesus, you suffered and died for our sins, and by your wounds, we have received healing from our sins and we have peace with God. During this Lenten season, as we follow your path to the cross, set your cross always before us to guide us in the way of peace. Jesus, Prince of Peace,
- C Hear our prayer and grant us peace.**
- P Lord Jesus, the cross that you carried to Golgotha was not known as an instrument of peace, but as a terrible instrument of death. Yet through your sacrifice, the cross has become for us a sign of love and peace. Through the blood you shed on the cross, God has reconciled all things to himself, making peace through the blood of your cross. Jesus, Prince of Peace,
- C Hear our prayer and grant us peace.**
- P Lord Jesus, the world around us is rarely at peace, and when it is, that worldly peace can be a fragile thing. We must deal with conflicts and quarrels, troubled times among our own friends and family members and the threat and reality of war among nations. Yet you have promised that when we bring our fears and worries to you in prayer, you will guard our hearts and minds with your peace. Jesus, Prince of Peace,
- C Hear our prayer and grant us your peace.**

P Lord Jesus, we pray for people who are suffering through illness, grief and other difficult circumstances. Grant to them the peace that you alone can give. Comfort them through the promises of your Word and give us opportunities to serve them and to share your love with them. Jesus, Prince of Peace,

C **Hear our prayer and grant us your peace.**

P Lord Jesus, right now each day, we have forgiveness and peace through faith in your name. We look forward to the day when we will live in your presence, where we will enjoy peace forever. Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace,

C **Hear our prayer and grant us your peace. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

P Jesus is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

C **For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

P Now, may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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| 1 In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime. | 3 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure By the cross are sanctified; Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide. |
| 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy, Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy. | |